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Sunday Schedule: Traditional Worship, 10 a.m.; *Celebrate!* Worship, 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m. Children Church School, 10:10 a.m.;
Adult Church School, 9 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Hazelwood's Statement of Calling: As members of the body of Christ, we at Hazelwood are called to share God's love by introducing individuals to Christ and nurturing personal spiritual growth for Christ's mission.
Motto: Our BEST for Christ



Look for us at:
www.hazelwoodchurch.org
We will be constantly building and adding to it, so check back often!
You can also contact us through the Website. Check out the home page.



Schedule

May 7 & 21

Items to be published in the Newsletter are due in the office one week prior to mail date.
Thank you!



A Warm Welcome...

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Aurora Bennett - Aurora is a student at Northside Middle School; she enjoys singing and drama; and she is active in Church and Youth Group. Aurora will be baptized this summer.

Gwendolyn Clark - Gwendolyn is a student at Cowan Jr./Sr. High School; she enjoys tennis, piano, spending time with friends, going to the movies, and has a love for animals; and she is active in Church and Youth Group.

Evan Conley - Evan is a student at Delta Middle School; he plays football, runs track, enjoys listening to music; and he is active in Church and Youth Group.

Samual Devroy - Sam is a student at Southside Middle School; he likes to play video games, plays with the Hazelwood Handbell Choir, loves to read; and he is active in Church and Youth Group.

Tori Long - Tori is a student at Yorktown High School; she enjoys gymnastics; and she is active in Youth Group.

Rachel Tucker - Rachel is a student at Yorktown Elementary School; she plays softball, volleyball, gymnastics, and loves to read; and she is active in Church and Church School.

Alinda Young -

Grace Myers -





April 26 - 30, 2015

SUNDAY
Preschool Sunday

- Combined Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
- All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

- Praise Band rehearsal, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Search Committee meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Handbell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
- Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.

THURSDAY

- Ministerial Relations Team meeting, 6 p.m.



May 3 - 7, 2015

SUNDAY

- Traditional Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* Worship Service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Worship Planning Team, 12 p.m., Mancino's.

TUESDAY

- Praise Band rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY

- Handbell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
- MS Support, 7 p.m.
- Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.

THURSDAY

- Book Club, 6 p.m., Library. Discussion on "The Whole Enchilada," by Diane Mott-Davidson.

All events held at Sulanke Fellowship House, unless otherwise noted.

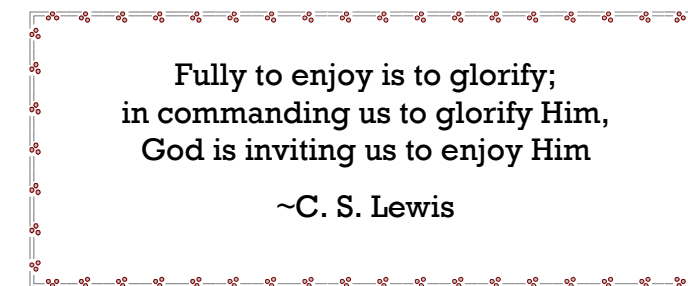


A Note and Request from the Pastoral Search Committee

"Hello again from the search committee (SC). The SC would like to update you on an important juncture in the process. We met on the evening of April 7, and we are scheduled to meet again on the evening of April 28. We are in the process of developing a Congregational Survey for you! The Congregational Survey will be available on or about May 1. It is of utmost importance that each individual or family complete a survey. The survey will perform two very important functions to the search and call process: 1) The SC will use the results to help compile Hazelwood's Congregational Profile. This profile will go out to each prospective candidate for Senior Pastor. Obviously, it is critical to paint as accurate a picture of Hazelwood as we possibly can. That in turn will help candidates assess their own compatibility with us, and help us call a pastor who best fits our congregation. 2) The results of the survey will help the SC determine Hazelwood's needs in a pastor, and guide us as we endeavor to discern which candidate can best meet those needs. More information on how these surveys will be distributed and when they are due back will be forthcoming.

As always, the SC covets your prayers! We who have committed to the search process must rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance, which may be entreated by corporate petition. So please pray for us, because we need it!"

~Mike Haars, Search Committee Member





Worship Team
Survey Results

(1 Corinthians 1:10) *I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

The Worship Team is grateful for each and every one of you who turned in a worship survey, expressing your opinion concerning our current worship experiences. We had a great response with 84 surveys completed! Using the information that was gathered from your answers and comments, the Worship Team saw that the majority of the church is willing to try a blended worship service, with both Traditional and *Celebrate!* congregants worshipping God together. We gather to worship God, not because of the service style. The Worship Team, with approval of the Church Board, has decided to try a blended worship service on a trial basis through the summer months, beginning May 31, when we will celebrate the birth of the church, Pentecost. May this new venture with a different worship experience be a re-birth for Hazelwood! Rev. Diane has some sermon series she will be using during this trial period, and at the end, we will once again be asking you for your opinions and comments. Nobody likes change, except for a baby! Change is not easy, but we have to keep our focus off of US and keep it on the LORD! We pray that you will support the blended worship service. Attending for one week will not give you an opportunity to fully appreciate the benefits that we believe will be achieved through this new experience. Let us be united with one another, so that we may be a tool that God can use to reach out to those who need to hear the Good News!

(Ephesians 4:11-13) *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*



2015
May Birthdays

- 2 Ruthanne Devroy
- 4 Debra Masiongale
Helen Tyler
- 6 Chris Conley
- 8 Rita Horton
Sasha Kolodchak
- 16 David Cartwright
- 17 Marcia Miller
- 18 Larry Green
Mary Ann Matchett
- 21 Wanda Isenbarger
- 23 June Johns
- 24 Megan Sharp
- 25 Branson Shirk
- 26 Bill Patterson
- 27 Rita Green
Carl Morris, Jr.

If your name has been inadvertently left off, call the church office at 282-5969.



Recycling Program

We are always trying to be eco-conscious of the things we put in the environment. We are always collecting empty ink cartridges, used batteries, cell phones, plastic or paper shopping bags, and aluminum cans and tabs. Many of these items are reused or raise money for different groups.

- Ink Cartridges - Staples gives our church office rewards for future office supply purchases.
- Cell Phones - Value of any phones will be split between Hazelwood's ministries, and the company's own community project(s).
- Shopping Bags - These are reused by Christian Ministries in multiple ways.
- Aluminum Cans - These are donated to raise funds for A.R.F.
- Aluminum Can Tabs - These are donated to raise funds for Riley Children's Hospital.

There are white bins with labeled drawers in the Library, and in the Fellowship House foyer, for ink cartridges, batteries, and phones. Shopping bags can be put in the Christian Ministries bin in the Rotunda. Aluminum cans/tabs can be put in the container with the blue bag in the Fellowship House foyer. Thank you for not only keeping our environment clean, but supporting many good causes as well.

OUR YOUTH IN ACTION...



MARATHON FUNDRAISER FOR MISSIONS...

Zumba

Annie and Caroline Clark have always shared their faith and experience willingly and without prompting. Their infectious attitude and passion for serving others, and the Lord, through our youth mission trips, have greatly affected their friends and teammates. In honor of the Clark girls' memory, they have been inspired to organize a Zumba-thon event to raise money specifically for Hazelwood Christian Church's mission trips. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 13, from 4-10 p.m. at the One-Eighty building at Union Chapel UMC. All proceeds, after minimal expenses, are being donated. For those who love Zumba, you can participate in the exercise and gather pledges. For those of us with less energy, you can help support through pledges or donations. We will provide more information over the next few Sundays, and we will have a table set up in the Rotunda for those interested in helping.

ZUMBA [zoom-buh, -bah]: a trademark (brand name) for a fitness program consisting of dance and aerobic exercise routines performed to popular (mainly Latin-America) music.

(Our Youth In Action continued on next page)



Missions Update!

“Winnie’s Kids, Kenya” - Winnie will be presented with a check on Sunday, May 3, at the Traditional Worship Service, for her Kenya trip. You can still donate and be a part of this special blessing for Winnie. Please place your contribution in a pink or pew envelope, mark your check “Winnie’s Kids” (separate check for this gift, please). Donations will be matched, up to a total of \$1,500, from the Missions & Benevolence Sulanke Trust.

Disbursements -

The following organizations received a contribution of \$300 from the Sulanke Trust:

- YWCA
- Children’s Clothing Center
- Navigators, Jonathan & Tiffany Branam
- Second Harvest
- Habitat for Humanity
- Muncie Mission
- Special Olympics
- Christian Ministries
- Salvation Army
- Wayside Mission

MOMS Annual meeting and fundraiser - \$600

What a blessing to be able to support these local organizations in need!

Hazelwood Volunteers - Christian Ministries, “Stuff-A-Bus,” Friday April 10 & 17; Shirley Bookout, Don & Cheryl Crose, Peggy Fast, Denise Glasson, Dick & Marcia Miller, Bill Moser, Jim & Nancy Reece, Carol Schussler, John & Carolyn Starnes, Jim & Judy Warrner. Thanks to all who gave of their time to help in this way!

Volunteer Opportunity Coming Up - Christian Ministries Food Pantry volunteers needed June 24, 25, & 26, from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. If you are able to help, contact Jim Warrner, 717-0544.

JOYS AND CONCERNS...

Jim Briggs has been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Sympathy to:

The family of Charles Bebout upon the death of Charles, Sunday, April 12.
Services were officiated by Dr. David Cartwright, Saturday, April 18.

Ron and Linda Roberts upon the death of Linda's sister, Joyce Norris,
Tuesday, April 14. Services were held Friday, April 17, in Albany.

In Appreciation:

"Thank you to Rev. Diane, Linette, and Barb, for your visits, while I was in the hospital. Your visits and prayers brightened my day. Also, I enjoyed the flowers, they were so pretty. Thanks again to all of you."

~Mary Briggs

Looking Ahead . . .

Sunday, May 10
Mother's Day, with Baby Dedications

Sunday, May 17
Graduation Sunday, Honoring our Graduates
In Worship, followed with Lunch for
Graduates and their Families



YOUTH CAMP

To our youth- Early-bird Camp registration is quickly coming upon us. Please have your applications turned in by **May 1st**. Applications are available in the church office, on the desk in the library, or on the Indiana Disciples website, <http://camp.indianadisciples.org/>.

To our congregation— Camp isn't just about our youth. At infant dedications we, as a congregation, offer our support and encouragement to the infant and their parents to help raise the child in a Christian manner. Each summer, we have approximately 15 youth attend summer camps, and this year, you can be a part of this opportunity as well. Please consider supporting our youth in one of the following ways...

- *Pray for our youth* as they prepare for summer camp, for travel mercies, and that they may draw closer to God and grow as Christians through their camp experiences this summer.
- *Sponsor a youth.* Each year it is a joy to send so many young people to church camp. Please consider helping offset a youth's tuition through a donation. Your donation, along with the half-tuition camp scholarship the church offers, will allow for many of our youth to experience camp this summer. This year's average camp tuition has increased to \$270.
- *Drive our youth to camps.* Our camps start on Mondays and can be difficult for some families to get their youth to camps. The camps this year are stacked up, making it also difficult for some families to drive their youth to different camps all on the same day. Please see Rev. James if you are interested in providing rides to our campers.
- *Consider being a counselor this summer.* If you have a passion for Christ, like the outdoors, and enjoy spending time with youth, consider counseling one or more camps this summer. For every five youth we send to camp, we are asked to provide a counselor from our congregation as well. This is a great way for you to see what our youth experience, and give back to the greater church body. Information and registration forms may be obtained through the church office. There is not a fee to be a counselor.
- *Ask our youth about camp when they return.* Each youth brings back numerous stories and experiences they would love to share with you about their summer church camp experience.



GRADUATION SUNDAY
ATTENTION 2015 GRADUATES

If you are a graduate, or have a Hazelwood graduate in the family, please let us know! High School and College graduates will be recognized in both services on Sunday, May 17. Graduates, and their immediate families, are invited to join the minister for lunch, immediately following worship service. Please fill out the form below with the names of graduates and their school information. Reservations are due no later than May 10th.

GRADUATE INFORMATION

(only those whose names we receive can be honored)

Please return this form to the church by May 10, 2015.

Name _____

Graduate of: _____ High School _____ Technical School

_____ College _____ Graduate School

Name of Institution: _____

If other than high school: Major _____

Degree: _____

Future Plans: _____

A graduation lunch will be held Sunday, May 17, following worship service.

Please indicate your total number of reservations _____.



"You may have seen the giant gumball machine in the Rotunda. This is preschool's big fundraiser, and that's where you come in.

"Our goal is \$2,000 to purchase preschool supplies. Each gumball represents a \$25 donation or accumulated donation. If you can give a donation to preschool, make your check out to Hazelwood Christian Preschool. Thank you! "

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director



DON'T DELAY, REGISTER TODAY!

Summer Camps begin May 26, and they are filling up fast! If you have not signed up for summer camp, you may want to do that as soon as possible. Summer really is just around the corner, and I would hate for your child to miss all the summer fun that Hazelwood Preschool has to offer!

Looking ahead

April 26 - Preschool Sunday, (*Note this is a change from the calendar due to a scheduling conflict.)

May 5 - Muffins for Mom, 2-3 year-old Tuesday Class & 3-4 year-old Class

May 6 - Muffins for Mom, 2-3 year-old Wednesday Class

May 8 - Picnic on the Playground, 4-5 year-old Class

May 12 - 2-3 year-old Tuesday Class last day

May 13 - 2-3 year-old Wednesday Class last day

May 14 - 3-4 year-old Classes last day

May 14 - May Celebration, 2-3 year-old & 3-4 year-old Classes, 6:30 p.m.

May 15 - 4-5 year-old Classes last day and ELC last day

May 18 - 4-5 year-old Classes graduation, 6:30 p.m.

May 19 - Teacher Work Day

May 26 - Summer Camp begins